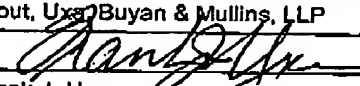


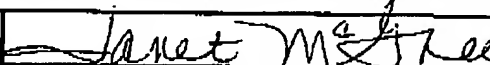
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

The above-identified application has been carefully reviewed in light of Election of Species Requirement mailed July 25, 2006.

Election between Species 1-10 has been required. Applicant provisionally elects Species 3, shown in Figs. 3A-C. All of the present claims, that is claims 1-17 read on Species 3.

Applicant traverses the Election of Species Requirement.

All of the present apparatus, for example, all of the apparatus shown or illustrated in the drawings of the above-identified application, are for maintaining patency of a vessel or other region of a human or animal body. All of such apparatus, thus, are closely related. Further, it is submitted that the Patent and Trademark Office would not be unduly

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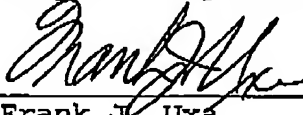
burdened in considering all of the present apparatus in the above-identified application.

In view of the above, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the Election of Species Requirement and to consider all of the apparatus disclosed in the above-identified application and all of the present claims in the above-identified application.

Applicant requests early and favorable action in the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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